

ABSTRACT OF CLOSURE

1 A sales assistance system and method which allows a
2 user to buy goods from stores near the user without directly
3 purchasing the goods on a computer network. The system
4 includes a server connected to a plurality of client
5 terminals through the computer network. The server inputs a
6 request to buy goods, including address information of the
7 user, a memory device which stores information concerning the
8 goods and the stores handling thereof in advance therein; and
9 a controller which searches out stores from the information
10 stored in the memory device based on the address information,
11 and displays the stores on the client terminal. The client
12 terminal selects one of the stores displayed and transmits
13 the request to the selected store to, for example, a
14 facsimile machine of the store or the like.